

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 have been examined and have been rejected.

I. Formal Matters

Applicant notes that the Examiner has indicated acceptance of drawings filed on March 17, 2004, however Applicant's drawings were filed on January 26, 2004. In addition, the Examiner has initialed and returned an SB/08 Form for a different application, but did not initial and return the SB/08 Forms submitted by Applicant with the Information Disclosure Statements of July 19, 2004 and January 26, 2004. Lastly, the Examiner has not acknowledged the foreign priority claim and receipt of the priority document. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner acknowledge the foreign priority claim and receipt of the priority document, initial and return the SB/08 Forms submitted by Applicant with the Information Disclosure Statements of July 19, 2004 and January 26, 2004, indicating that the documents cited therein have been considered, and indicate acceptance of the drawings filed by Applicant on January 26, 2004 in the next PTO communication.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-5, 7-12 and 15-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Hiroaki (U.S. Patent No. 6,661,425; hereinafter "Hiroaki").

A. Claims 1-5, 7-12 and 15-17

Applicant submits that claim 1 is patentable over the cited reference. For example, claim 1 recites an image generation unit that generates "adjustment images having a geometric pattern." Claim 1 also recites, for example, a display image control unit that "controls the image

generation unit to display the adjustment images on the display units so as to provide an appropriate relative viewing position between the observer and the display units, at which position the images of contents are visually recognized as a three-dimensional image.”

On the other hand, Hiroaki teaches a superpositional image display type information input/output apparatus which demonstrates the superposition of display image planes of multiple displays. *See* Hiroaki at Abstract. Although Hiroaki may teach a display position adjustment mechanism 121, making it possible to change the position of an image plane during use, the reference fails to teach an image generation unit that “generates, in addition to the images of contents, adjustment images having a geometric pattern.” *See* Hiroaki at col. 18 line 52 to col. 19, line 15. Furthermore, the reference fails to teach or suggest a device “to display the adjustment images on the display units so as to provide an appropriate relative viewing position between the observer and the display units, at which position the images of contents are visually recognized as a three-dimensional image.” Therefore, an observer using the device taught by Hiroaki would not be able to determine an appropriate relative viewing position between the observer and the display unit, at which position the images of contents are visually recognized as a three-dimensional image, with the benefit of the claimed “adjustment images having a geometric pattern.”

Since Hiroaki fails to teach or suggest at least the foregoing features, Applicant submits that claim 1 is patentable over the cited reference. In addition, since claims 2-5, 7-12 and 15-17 depend upon claim 1, Applicant submits that such claims are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency.

B. Claims 18 and 19

Since claim 18 contains features that are similar to the features discussed above in conjunction with claim 1, Applicant submits that it is patentable for at least similar reasons. Since claim 19 depends upon claim 18, Applicant submits that such claim is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency.

III. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 6, 13, 14 and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Hiroaki in view of Jeong (U.S. Patent 6,281,895; hereinafter "Jeong"). However since claims 6, 13 and 14 depend upon claim 1, and claim 20 depends upon claim 18, and Jeong fails to cure the deficient teachings of Hiroaki in regard to claims 1 and 18, Applicant submits that claims 6, 13, 14 and 20 are patentable at least by virtue their respective dependencies.

IV. Conclusion

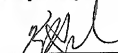
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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